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## Comedian Erik Rivera Visits IWU

September 7, 2010

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan University Office of Student Activities will bring comedian Erik Rivera to campus Sunday, Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. The free performance is open to the IWU community and will be held at the Hansen Student Center (300 Beecher St., Bloomington).

Rivera, a New York native, draws his humor from his experiences growing up in a Latino family in a strictly white anglo-saxon protestant (WASPY) neighborhood. The comedian has been seen on American Latino TV and such television sitcoms as *Funny People After Dark* on MTV Networks, SiTV's *Urban Jungle 2* and Comedy Central's *The Watch List*.

He is also a regular at The New York Comedy Club, The Comedy Cellar in New York, The Original New York Improv and The Boston Comedy Club.

Rivera's repertoire doesn't end with improv and television though, the comedian has had parts in the movies *My Brother* and *Stand Up*.

In the summer of 2007 Rivera won the Diamonds in the Rough Award at The Latino Laugh Festival in Hollywood and performed at the Kodak Theatre alongside Carlos Mencia.

For additional information contact the Office of Student Activities at (309) 556-3850.

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